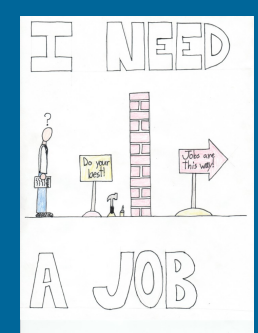
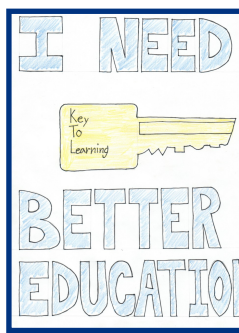
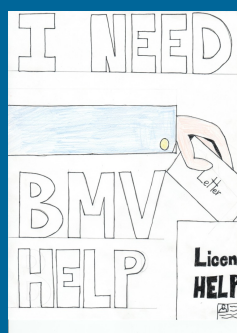
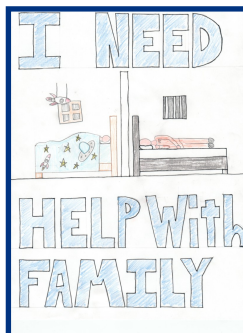
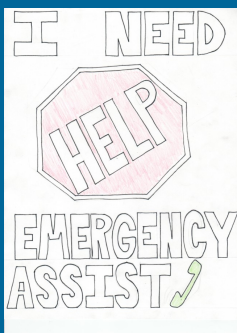
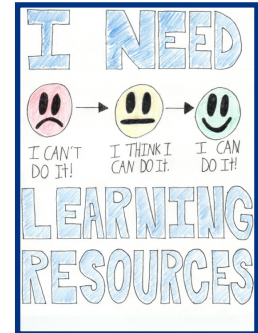
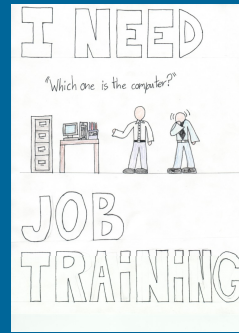
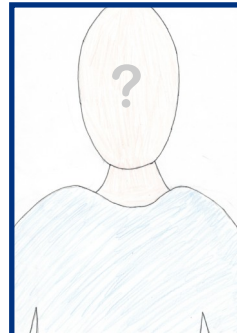
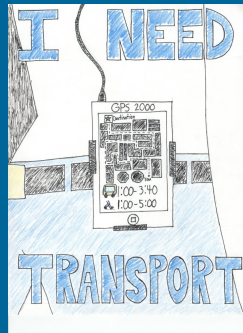
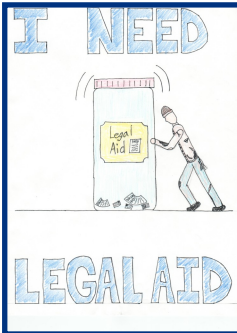
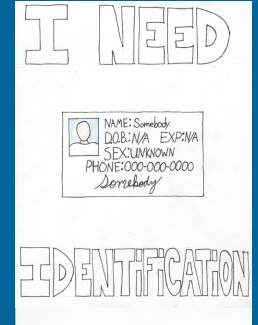
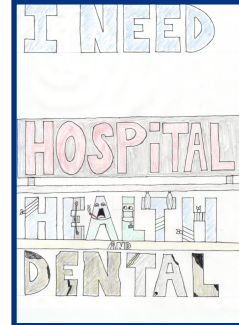
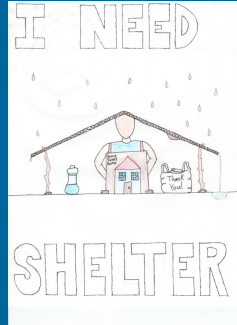
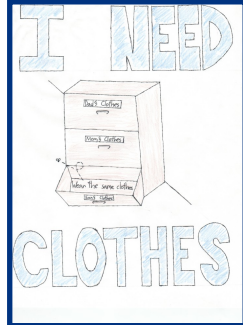
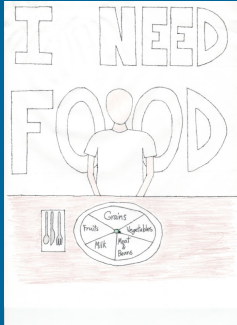


FRANKLIN COUNTY REENTRY RESOURCE GUIDE



A message from Commissioner Brown



Welcome Home to Franklin County!

This manual is designed to help you, as a person returning from incarceration, to have a quick reference to resources here in Franklin County for successful community living and reentry. Its goal is simply to help you increase the odds of re-connecting with our community and staying free from incarceration.

As a county, Franklin County is committed to helping you do just that. The commissioners, the courts, law enforcement, prosecutors and public defenders, community resources, and a host of advocates have all come together to weave a safety net to make sure there's something to catch you if you stumble.

Please use this manual to get connected to programming such as job training and education; for food, clothing, housing, medical care, mental health services, and alcohol/drug treatment and prevention; for identification, transportation, and home heating/cooling assistance.

We of the Franklin County Reentry Coalition are here to facilitate your reintegration and remove barriers to success. Please contact my office at 614.525.3461 should you need to be connected to more specific resources and referrals.

Welcome Home to Franklin County. I'm glad you're my constituent, and my neighbor. Here's to your future freedom and success!

With very best regards,

Marilyn Brown

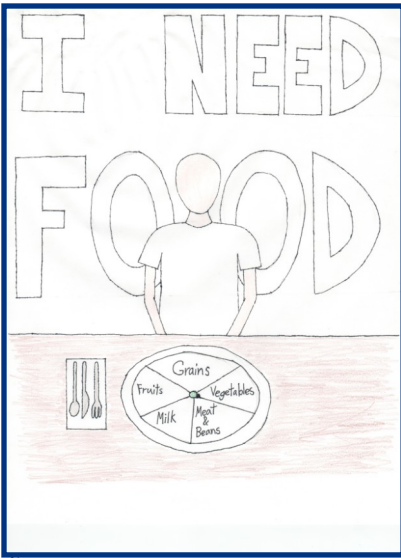
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The name of the person who made this wonderful art is Maykel Rodriguez. He is a student of Cristo Rey Columbus high school as a freshman. He enjoys to draw on his free time with his imaginative mind making anything that comes to thought. He works hard in school and at Franklin County. He gives his best effort to get things done and acts professionally. He plans later on his life to be a marine biologist who studies the sea and underwater creatures below depths of the deep sea, dark as the eclipse going by for a whole day.

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I Need Food

Food and meals are available to those in need.

You may be eligible for food assistance through the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. To see if you qualify, contact the Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services online or by phone at **614-233-2000, or by visiting the Ohio Benefit Bank. <http://jfs.ohio.gov/>**

Hunger Hub Help Near Me Map

Choose this link for a free online interactive map of with food pantries, soup kitchens and congregate meal locations that will direct you to the resources nearest to you! <http://map.hungerhub.org/>

Mid-Ohio Food Bank Produce Give Away Locations

Sort by zip code or agency. There is also an interactive map. Located at 3960 Brookham Drive /, Grove City, OH 43123

Several food pantries operate around Franklin County, serving those who need groceries. To find out about pantries in your area, contact one of the following:

Hands-on Central Ohio FOODLINK (Mon-Fri 8 am-4 pm.) **614-341-2282 or call **2-1-1****

J.O.I.N. (Monday-Friday (closed holidays)

10-11:30 am and 1-2 pm) **614-241-2530**

Free meals are available from many area organizations at their soup kitchens. Call for locations and hours of operation.

Broad St. UMC (Monday-Thursday) **614-221-4571**

Central Presbyterian Church (All info on page <http://centralpreschurch.com/>) **614-224-9119**

Community Kitchen (Mon-Sat) **614-252-6428**

Faith Mission (Every day) **614-224-6617**

First English Lutheran Church (Thursdays) **614-252-3191**

Holy Family Soup Kitchen (Every day 10:30AM - 12:30PM) 614-461-9444

**Mt. Olivet Baptist Church (Info on site <https://www.mtolivetbaptist-oh.org/>)
614-221-3446**

New Life UMC (Every Sunday morning at 6:30 a.m.) 614-294-0134

The Open Shelter (Mon-Thurs) 614-222-2885

Rehoboth Temple (Every 4th Wednesday of the month) 614-252-8219

**St. Johns Evangelical (Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 10:30am-2:30pm)
614-224-8634**

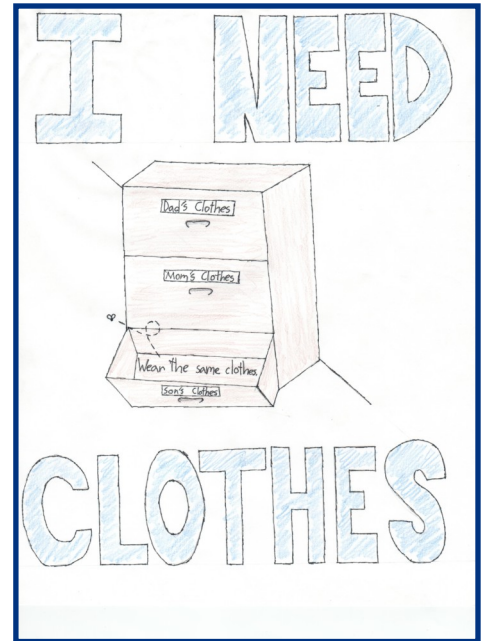
St. Lawrence (Open Every other Friday 10:30 Am-11:30 Am) 614-228-0799

St. Sophia's Orthodox (Every day) 614-299-8760

Wings of Hope (<http://www.wings-of-hope.org/>) 614-561-9993

Vineyard Church (every Saturday, 8:30-11:30 am) 614-259-5441

I Need Clothes



Clothing, shoes, and coats are available for those who need them at a variety of organizations throughout the area. Remember, clothing is more than just protection from the elements - your clothing and hygiene are the first things people notice about you, and can make the difference between an easy reentry into the workforce and social scene or continued difficulty. It doesn't matter if your clothing is new or old, if you present yourself well-groomed and well-put-together, it makes a world of difference. You never get a second chance to make a first impression.

Clothing resources include:

St. Vincent De Paul free clothing store 614-241-2569

J.O.I.N., 578 King Ave, 614-241-2530

Salvation Army, 967 E. Main St, 614-221-6561

New Life UMC, 25 W. 5th Ave, 614-294-0134

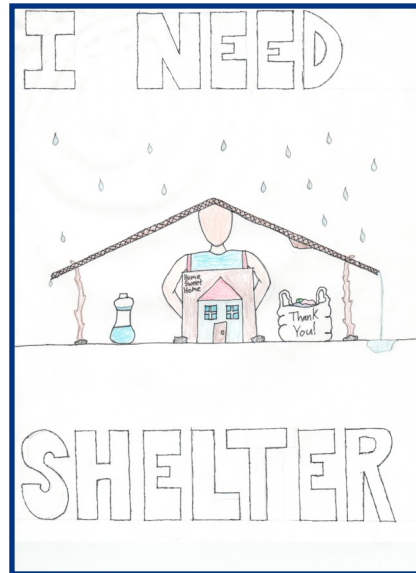
United Methodist Free Store, 946 Parsons Ave, 614-443-1713

Westside Free Store, 61 Powell Ave, 614-351-5480

Goodwill Columbus, 1331 Edge Hill Rd, 614-252-2799

Dress for Success work-appropriate attire for women, 1204 N. High St, 614-291-5420

My Brother's Closet work-appropriate attire for men via the Columbus Urban League, 788 Mt Vernon Ave, 614-257-6300



I Need Shelter

If you are in a housing/shelter crisis:

Men, women and families seeking shelter should call **1-888-4-SHELTR (**1-888-474-3587**). Calls will be answered 24 hours a day, seven days a week.**

For the purposes of this page, we divide housing into the following categories:

Shelters: Free places to stay if you have nowhere else to go, shelters are not intended for long-term stays.

Supportive & Transitional Housing: A combination of housing and supportive social services (counseling, education, AOD treatment, etc.) that can be short-term up to permanent.

Low Income & Section 8 Housing: Long-term housing for those on low or limited income who need subsidies to assist with rent payments.

Community Shelter Board

Further info about programs serving those experiencing homelessness, local plans for services, and statistics about programs serving Columbus and Franklin County are available at **www.csb.org or **614-221-9195**.**

The Community Shelter Board provides an up-to-date Street Outreach Programs list. The list is available by following the link (<http://www.csb.org/?id=help.contactus>**) and clicking "How to connect a homeless person to help"**

You may be eligible for assistance through the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.

To see if you qualify, contact the Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services online or by phone at **614-233-2000**, or the Ohio Benefit Bank.
(<http://www.ohiobenefits.org/>)

Shelters

Men's shelters

Contacted via Hands-on at **1-800-535-7252**

Faith Mission

Friends of the Homeless

Volunteers of America

Women's shelters

Contacted via Hands-on at **1-800-535-7252**

Nancy's Place

Rebecca's Place

Choices

Family shelters

Good neighbor commitment, 595 Van Buren Drive, 614-715-2030

YWCA Family Center 900 Harvey Ct., 614-253-3910

Supportive & Transitional Housing

YMCA Permanent Supportive Housing for single men, 40 W. Long St., 614-573-3616

YWCA Transitional rooms for single women, 65 S. 4th St., 614-224-9121

Friends of the Homeless/New Horizons Transitional housing, 371 Carpenter St., 614-360-0120

Southeast, Inc. / Friends of the Homeless Supportive housing 16, W Long St., 614-360-0251

Community Housing Network: ADAMH supportive housing with multiple locations in central Ohio, 614-487-6700

National Church Residences: Permanent supportive housing with multiple locations in central Ohio, 800-388-2151

NISRE, Inc. - The EXIT Program: Provide short and long term housing options for homeless offenders in Franklin County, 614-253-8969

Maryhaven Supportive housing, 1791 Alum Creek, 614-445-8131

Low Income & Section 8 Housing

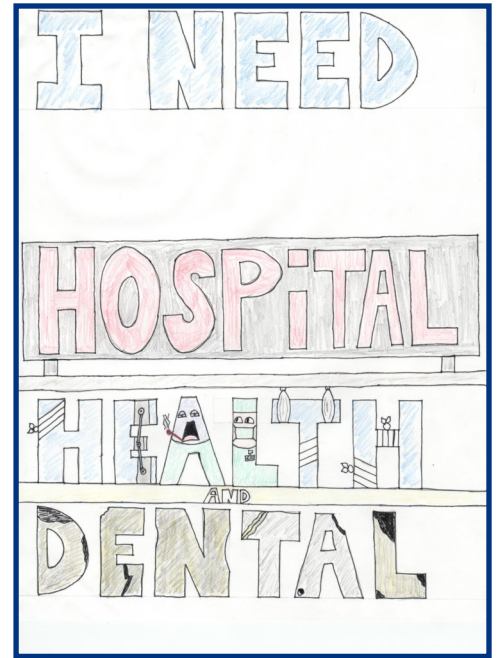
Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority, 880 E. 11th Ave., 614-421-6000

Homeport 562 E. Main St., 614-221-8889

Community Properties 910 E. Broad St., 614-253-0984

Mary haven Supportive housing, 1791 Alum Creek, 614-445-8131

I Need Health/ Dental



Healthcare is available, often at a reduced cost or no cost, depending on your needs and overall situation.

If you are in crisis:

If you are in crisis and are a danger to yourself or others or if your injuries are severe or life threatening, dial 9-1-1

If you are considering suicide, call the 24/7 Columbus suicide hotline at 614-221-5445

24/7 mental health and alcohol/drug crisis intervention is available at netcare access. Call the crisis line at 614-276-2273 or go to 199 South Central Ave or 741 East Broad St.

For the purposes of this page, we divide healthcare into the following categories:

Physical Health Medical (doctor, nurse, hospital), dental, and prescription drug (pharmacy) resources.

Mental Health Mental health such as depression, bipolar, schizophrenia, other mental illnesses, and alcohol and drug treatment.

Peer Support Peer Groups, Drop In Groups, and Support Groups to help keep you on your path to recovery, reentry, and success.

You may be eligible for assistance through the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. To see if you qualify, contact the Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services online or by phone at 614-233-2000, or the Ohio Benefit Bank by visiting.

Physical Health

We offer these two clinics EVERY Wednesday NIGHT, from 6:30 to 8:30PM

Columbus Public Health, 240 Parsons Ave, 614-614-7417

Vineyard Free Clinic

171 E. 5th Ave, 614-259-5428

15187 Palmer Road, Reynoldsburg/Etna, OH 43068. 740-927-7729. Free medical care for the poor and uninsured, EVERY Wednesday night. We have a medical doctor and nurses available. Prescriptions can be written and we give \$4 gift cards to purchase one month's supply of prescriptions. We do not do narcotic drugs, nor do we have any drugs at the clinic. 6:30 to 8:30 PM EVERY Wednesday.

Free pregnancy care clinic for any lady EVERY Wednesday. We offer free pregnancy testing, free ultrasound. We also offer mentor mothers, safe housing and new baby supplies for the first two months.

We also offer these following clinics ONCE a month, on the FIRST Wednesday of each month.

Free vision care. We have two eye doctors who will do a complete eye exam and write a prescription. We also offer free eye glasses if the doctor can match the patient with donated glasses. We also attempt to help patient buy glasses at discount prices.

Free legal assistance. We have three lawyers who offer free legal advice.

Free tax preparation. We will prepare simple W-2 income tax returns during the months of Feb, March, and April. We do not do business returns.

Free financial advice. We offer free assistance in financial management and budgeting. We also offer financial advice on collection social security, pensions, insurance and retirement.

Free computer repairs. We have three IT professionals who will repair computers that are brought in. We do not provide hardware but if the owner brings the hardware we will install it.

Free bicycle repairs and give away. We offer free bicycle repairs and give away bicycles for free as they are donated to this clinic. If we have the right supplies to match the bicycle we provide that for free if we do not, we ask the owner to go and purchase the pieces needed and we will install for free.

Free dog obedience. We offer free dog obedience training to dog owners.

All the clinics are completely free. No appointments necessary. People are served on first come first serve basis.

Columbus Free Clinic 2231 N. High St, 614-404.8417

New Life UMC Clinic 25 W. 5th Ave, 614-294-0134

Xeon's Free Clinic 1934 N. 4th St and 40 Chicago Ave, 614-823-6510

Columbus Neighborhood Health Centers 614-645-5500

East Health Center - 1180 E Main St 614-645-5535

John Maloney Health Center - 3781 S High St 614- 645-3163

St Stephen's Health Center - 1500 E 17th Ave 614-645-2700

Columbus Northeast Health Center - 3433 Alger Rd 614-645-1600

Maryhaven 24/7 detox admissions, 1791 Alum Creek, 614-445-8131

House of Hope AOD treatment 614-291-4691

Comp Drug substance abuse counseling and treatment 547 E. 11th Ave, 614-224-4506

Amethyst Long-term residential treatment for women and children 455 E Mound St, 614-242-1284

Alvis House Multiple services to individuals & families 1991 Bryden Road, 614-252-0660

Salvation Army Adult rehab center, 675 S. High St, 614-221-4269

Columbus Public Health AOD program 240 Parsons Ave, 614-645-6839

Jewish Family Services Mental health and career counseling 1070 College Ave, 614-231-1890

Mental Health America of Franklin County Referrals to mental health and AOD treatment 538 E. Town St Suite D, 614-221-1441

Columbus Area, Inc. Mental health, AOD, and specialized reentry programs 1515 E Broad Street, 614-252-0711

Recovery Works

Alcoholics Anonymous 24 hour referral 614-253-8501

Narcotics Anonymous 24 hour referral 614-252-1700

Cocaine Anonymous 24 hour referral, 614-251-1122

AA/NA/CA Central Office 100 W. 3rd Ave 614-253-8501

The P.E.E.R. (Peers Enriching Each-Other's Recovery) Center A consumer-operated drop-in recovery center that offers one-on-one and group peer support, recreation, and socialization activities, a resource center, a computer lab, and a media center. 25-30 peer support groups each week on a variety of mental health, wellness, and recovery topics. 1221 E Broad St, 614-453-4830

P.E.E.R. Center North Event Calendar

P.E.E.R. Center East Event Calendar

T.O.U.C.H. Peer mentoring and supportive services, 3968 E. Main St in Whitehall, 614-338-8733

Stonewall Columbus Support groups and referrals to a variety of services for GLBT residents, 1160 N High St, 614-299-7764

Veteran's programs

Veteran Outreach Mental health, readjustment, and counseling, 30 Spruce St, 614-257-5550

VA Outpatient Clinic Medical, dental, and mental health services, 420 N James Rd, 614-257-5200

Volunteers of America Residential AOD treatment, 624 Harmon Ave, 614-849-0145

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Columbus Northeast Health Center - 3433 Alger Rd 614-645-1600

West Family Health and Wellness Center - 2300 West Broad Street 614-645-5535

ARC (AIDS Resource Center) Ohio, confidential testing and safer sex supplies at no cost, 4400 N High St, Suite 300, 614-299-2437

Prescription Drugs

Charitable Pharmacy of Central Ohio free medicine 614-227-0301

Ohio's Best Referee prescription discount card 866-923-7879

Franklin County NACo discount prescription card

Mental Health, Alcohol and Drug (AOD) treatment

Netcare Access mental health, AOD assessment and outreach 199 S. Central Ave and 741 E. Broad St, 614-276-2273

Medical Care

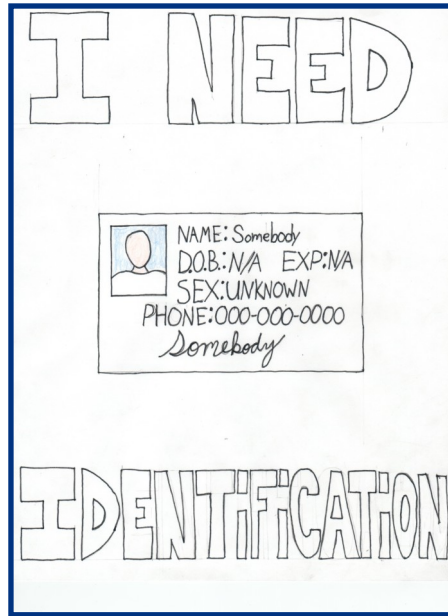
Mt. Carmel Outreach rotating locations, 614-546-4200

Columbus Public Health 240 Parsons Ave, 614-614-7417

Vineyard Free Clinic

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15187 Palmer Road, Reynoldsburg/Etna, OH 43068. 740-927-7729



I Need Identification

Keep Your Documents Safe

Obtaining these documents is not always easy or inexpensive. Once you have these documents, keep them safe! Carry your State photo ID with you at all times in a wallet or purse. Keep your birth certificate and Social Security card information in a safe place at your home or with a trusted relative or friend. Never loan out your identification to anyone else.

Birth Certificate (\$21.50 - cash, check, or money order)

If you do not have money to pay for your birth certificate, you may request assistance from the Joint Organization for Inner City Needs (JOIN) at 578 E Main St, Columbus, Ohio 43215; phone **614-241-2531 or **614-241-2530**. Office hours are 10a-11:30a and 1p-2p, Monday through Friday. If you have a probation or parole officer, or if you are working with any social service agency, ask your PO or caseworker for a referral letter.**

You can obtain a copy of your birth certificate - if you were born in Ohio - by walking in to the Ohio Department of Health Office of Vital Statistics. The office is located at 225 Nelson Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215; phone: **614-466-2531. Office hours are 8am-5pm, Monday through Friday. The office is closed on state holidays. Turn around for walk-in clients is the same day, as long as you are there before 4:30pm.**

You may visit this ODH office online and order your birth certificate online or print off a form to mail in. Turnaround time for online or mail orders is TWO TO THREE WEEKS. If you need your birth certificate, it is best to visit the Nelson St. office and do it in person.

If you were not born in Ohio, you will have to request a copy of your birth certificate from the state or country in which you were born.

Social Security Card (Free)

You can obtain a printout of your Social Security card and number from the Social Security Administration, 200 N High St, Rm 225, Columbus, Ohio 43215; phone 866-954-1723. Office hours are 8a-4p, Monday through Friday, closed holidays. Call 800-772-1213 to find other SSA locations. Take your birth certificate with you, plus as many other forms of identification and proof of residence that you have. Ask to get a print-out of your Social Security information - you will receive your duplicate card in the mail at a later date.

You may visit the Social Security Administration online where you may read about the documentation needed, fill out the form SS-5 but you will still need to print out the SS-5 and go to the Social Security Administration office in person.

State of Ohio Photo ID (\$8.50 - cash or check)

If you do not have money to pay for your State of Ohio photo ID card or birth certificate (Ohio born residents only), you may request assistance from Stone Village Church, 139 E. 2nd Avenue, Columbus, OH 43201 (at the corner of 2nd Ave and Summit Street); phone 614-579-5493. The Church provides 15 free vouchers per week, distributed first-come, first-served at 9:00am on Wednesdays. They recommend that you arrive to get in line by 8:30am. The vouchers are only redeemable at the BMV registrar located at 1583 Alum Creek Drive, Columbus, OH 43209 614-752-7600.

For additional information on Identification vouchers and birth certificates contact Rev Wooden at 614-579-5493 or visit

<http://www.stonevillagechurch.org/#/mission-outreach/svc-state-id>.

You can obtain a photo ID card, which is not the same as a driver's license and can be issued even if your driving privileges are suspended or revoked. These photo ID cards are available at any Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles local Deputy Registrar License Agency. The main BMV registrar's office, and the one where the Stone Village Church vouchers are accepted is at 1583 Alum Creek Drive, Columbus, OH 43209 phone 614-752-7600. Office hours are 8am-8:30pm, Monday through Friday, closed holidays. You can find other locations online at the BMV website.

Take your birth certificate and Social Security card or print-out with you. If you have been recently released from an Ohio prison, you may use your ODRC Release Identification Card to obtain a State photo ID.

I NEED LEGAL AID

Legal assistance is available, often at a reduced cost or no cost, depending on your needs and overall situation.

Ohio SB337 - the Collateral Sanctions Reform Bill

The side-effects of a criminal record are called collateral consequences of conviction, or sometimes collateral sanctions. A landmark bill, Senate Bill 337, overwhelmingly passed both chambers of the Ohio General Assembly and was signed into law by the Governor. The most significant parts of this bill include:

Certificates of Qualifications for Employment: these certificates will loosen job restrictions on ex-offenders and protect employers who hire them.

Keeping Juveniles in Juvenile Facilities: this will reduce the harm to young people by reducing the likelihood that they will be further criminalized or victimized while incarcerated.

Clarifying Confidentiality of Juvenile Records: this also expands the ability to seal juvenile records.

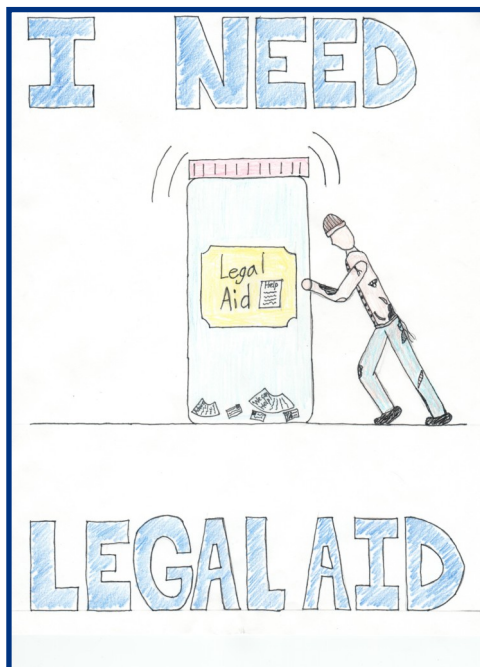
Creating Alternatives to Drivers License Suspensions: this allows Courts to order community service instead of certain fines and suspensions, and to permit limited driving privileges to those whose license was suspended for non-payment of child support.

Marijuana Paraphernalia Possession: this reduces paraphernalia possession to a minor misdemeanor, like marijuana possession itself (under 100g).

Record Sealing Eligibility: this expands the eligibility to allow certain conviction records to be sealed, including one felony and one misdemeanor, or two misdemeanor conditions.

Allowing Child Support Modification Based on Actual Earning Capacity: this allows the Courts to assess child support orders based on actual earning capacity, not on incarceration earning capacity.

Reducing Restrictions on Specific Professions: this allows for reduced restrictions on professions such as cosmetology, optical dispensers, construction industry licenses, hearing aid dealers, and security guards.



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The Ohio Civil Impacts of Criminal Convictions database, or CIVICC, is a web-based tool created by the Ohio Justice & Policy Center and the Ohio Public Defender to answer two questions about state laws regarding collateral consequences:

What are the collateral consequences under Ohio laws that are triggered by a specific conviction?

What misdemeanor or felony offenses are likely to trigger a specific collateral consequence? <http://www.franklincountyohio.gov/reentry/assets/pdf/CIVICC-database.pdf>

***Note: The law changes often. Though it is updated regularly, CIVICC is no substitute for a lawyer's advice**

Local attorneys are available free, seven times each month, to answer your legal questions at Interfaith Legal Clinics.

For the purposes of this page, we divide legal assistance into the following categories:

Criminal meaning you are accused of a crime and could go to prison or jail. An example would be if you are arrested for theft or assault.

Child Support meaning you are suing for child support, or being sued for child support, where there is both a money component and a risk of jail time for non-payment or non-compliance. This category includes determination of paternity - that is, the identify of a child's biological father.

Civil dispute between people or entities but where no jail time is possible. An example would be if someone is suing you for money, or if you are suing someone for money or benefits.

Civil Rights if your Constitutional or human or civil rights have been violated and you are suing the government for restitution or compensation.

Criminal

If you have been arrested and charged with a crime that could subject you to jail or prison time, and you cannot afford to pay a lawyer, the State must provide legal assistance for you. This is done through the Office of the Public Defender.

In Franklin County, the Public Defender is Yeura R. Venters, Franklin County Public Defender Office, 373 South High Street, 12th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215. Phone: 614-525-3194, Fax: 614-461-6470.

Child Support

If you are a custodial parent suing for child support, or if you are a non-custodial parent being sued for child support, and you need assistance, or if you need to establish the paternity (who is the father) of a child, the Franklin County Child Support Enforcement Agency may be able to help.

The mission of the Child Support Enforcement Agency is to provide for the establishment and enforcement of child support orders to enhance the economic security and health insurance protection for the children and families of Franklin County.

CSEA, under the direction of Director Susan Brown, is located at 80 E. Fulton Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. Phone **614-525-3275; Fax **614-525-6409**. The agency can assist with location of non-custodial parent, paternity establishment, establishment of child support and medical support orders, enforcement of child support and medical support orders, review and modification of support orders, and termination of support orders. The agency does NOT assist with issues of custody, divorce, and does not give legal advice or provide legal representation in court.**

Civil

If you experience any of the following legal concerns, the Legal Aid Society of Columbus, located at 1108 City Park Ave, Columbus OH 43206, may be able to help:

Loss or denial of public benefits

Medicaid/Medicare

Unemployment compensation

Evictions

Foreclosures

Domestic Violence

Child Custody

Consumer Issues

Garnishments and attachments

Landlord/Tenant Dissolutions

Divorce

Income Tax Issues

Wills

In Franklin or Madison counties please call the Intake Line at **614-241-2001; the Intake Line is open Monday through Friday from 9:30a-3:30p. If you live in Delaware, Marion, Morrow, or Union counties please call the Marion Office at **740-383-2161**. The phone lines are open 9a-12p and 1-5p Monday through Friday.**

The Legal Aid Society of Columbus does not charge for its services but you may be required to pay certain court costs. The best way to see if you are eligible for their help is to fill out their online application. www.columbuslegalaids.org

Civil Rights

If you feel that your civil rights have been violated, contact the American Civil Liberties Union. The ACLU handles cases that involve serious violations of civil liberties by the government. 212-549-2500

The ACLU maintains an extensive list of legal resources including:

General assistance

Lawyer referrals

Discrimination of any kind

Prisons & jails

Problems with businesses

Police brutality

Voting Rights for People with Criminal Convictions

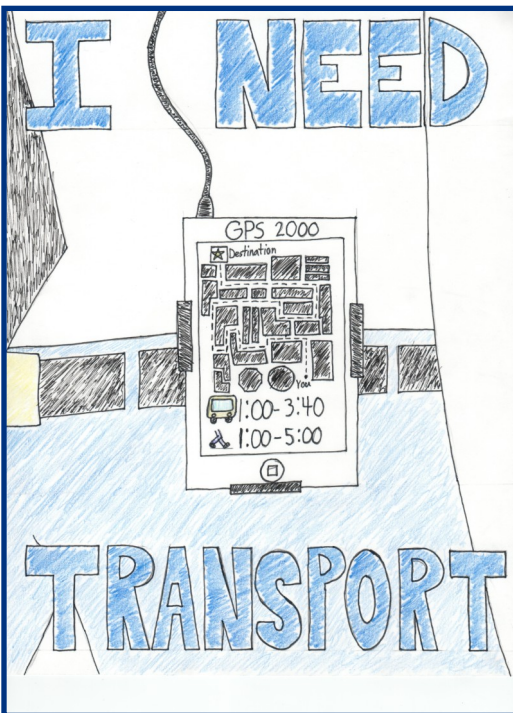
I Need Transport

You don't need a car to get around Columbus. Walking, biking, bus, and taxi are all easy options.

If you need transportation to or from a medical appointment, the agency or institution may be able to help. See the healthcare section of this website for more information.

Walk/Bike

The Mid Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) maintains a pedestrian and bicycling transportation plan and publishes an annual Bike User Map. <http://www.morpc.org/our-region/services/index>



Bus

Franklin County is served by the Central Ohio Transit Authority, or COTA public bus system. Local one-way fares are \$2, and buses accept bills and coins. Have exact change - no change is available on the bus. COTA also sells passes for 1 day, 7 days, and 31 days. Full rate information is available online

<http://cota-bus.transit-info.com/index.php?src=bing&kid=116447475298&kw=cota+bus+schedule> as are all routes, maps, and schedules. Or call 614-228-1776.

Taxi

Franklin County is served by many taxi companies.

Among the largest are:

Orange Cab 614-414-0000

Yellow Cab 614-444-4444

German Village Taxi 614-224-8888

Shamrock Taxi 614-784-8888

I Need Job Training

Finding employment, education, and training is the best way to reenter the community and to stay out of jail.

Let's be clear; it's not going to be easy. With a criminal record, you have to work harder than the average job seeker, but it can be done, and the Coalition is focused hard on removing unnecessary and prejudicial barriers to hiring.

Use Some M.U.S.C.L.E.

The State of Ohio, Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections (ODRC) M.U.S.C.L.E. program - Making Use of Services Can Lead to Empowerment - website contains many resources, including your ability to apply for a Certificate of Achievement and Employability to present to potential employers. Also, visit Why Hire for information and talking points to bring up to employers on why ex-offenders make good employees.

Job Help - compiled by Columbus Public Health, a guide to finding Columbus-area employment. LifeReimagined.AARP.org

Columbus City Council Workforce Development - prepared by the office of Columbus City Councilmember Priscilla Tyson, a slideshow guide to workforce resources in and around Columbus (<http://www.columbus.gov/council/members/>)

Get training and education, often with specific programs available for ex- and re-entering offenders

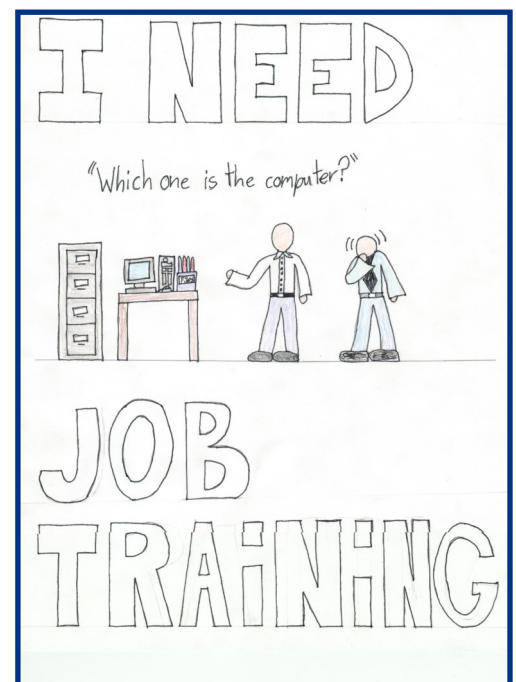
Chemical Operator Training

**Goodwill Columbus job training and workforce skills
1331 Edge hill Rd., **614-294-5181****

**Central Ohio Workforce Investment Corporation
(COWIC) job training and job search services; Mayor's
"Restoration Academy 1111 E. Broad St., **614-559-5052****

**IMPACT Community Action computer literacy, work-
force skills 700 Bryden Rd., **614-252-2799****

**Alvis House Community Reentry Center employment
education, HIRE (help in reentry employment) pro-
gram, GED classes 1991 Bryden Rd., **614-252-0660****



TOUCH computer literacy, job readiness and search skills, GED classes 37 Robinwood Ave., Whitehall, OH 43213, 614-338-8733

Youth Build job training (NCCER construction certification), computer literacy, job placement, GED classes 820 Mansfield Ave., 614-222-4705

Columbus Urban League Workforce development, career services, job training, work readiness, workforce development, and career counseling; 788 Mt Vernon Ave., 614-257-6300

Fast Path - Your Road to Job Ready The FASTPATH program is funded by a grant from the City of Columbus and is administered by Columbus State Community College, 614-287-5858.

If you are a Veteran

Volunteers of America employment services & computer resource center 624 Harmon Avenue, 614-351-1881

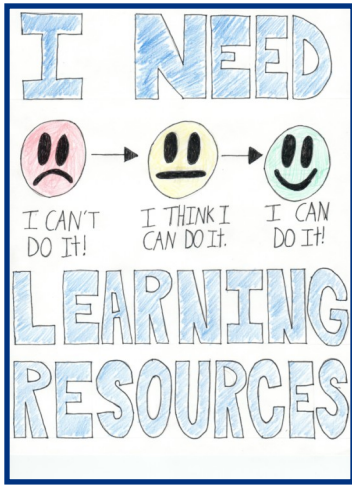
Am vets Career Center employment services & free online courses 1395 E. Dublin Granville Rd., Suite 222, 614-431-6990

If you are deaf or have a severe hearing issue:

Deaf Services Center case management, peer support, advocacy 5830 N High St, 614-841-1991

If you have a mental illness

Center of Vocational Alternatives (COVA) 3770 N. High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43214 614-294-7117 or 1-877-521-2682: 614-298-6884



I Need Free Learning Resources

Access to a wide variety of online college courses from the world's top universities, all for free. This list of courses includes open classes (MOOCs) you can sign up and participate in, as well as course materials that you can view online or download.

Affordable Colleges Online:

Affordable Colleges Online creates 100% free, in-depth resources to help students of all ages find the right online degree for their interests and budget. ACO started in 2012 with two main goals: to make college more affordable and to spread the importance of accreditation. Our resources include comprehensive guidebooks, student interviews, user-friendly search tools, federal datasets and other materials created and vetted by experts in their fields. Our extended team includes six PhDs and more than twenty journalists, editors and subject-matter specialists with master's degrees or related educational credentials.

Here's a link to our Complete Accreditation Guide:

<http://www.affordablecollegesonline.org/accreditation/>

Here's a link to our homepage: <http://www.affordablecollegesonline.org>

GCF LearnFree:

This North Carolina-based site is produced by Goodwill Industries and focuses on helping people from all walks of life build skills in technology, literacy, and math that will help them find work. All classes offered by the site are entirely free, and even come complete with mobile apps that make it possible to learn on-the-go. Currently, there are over 750 free lessons that teach everything from how to use Microsoft Office to basic addition and subtraction. [GCFLearnfree.org](http://www.gcflearnfree.org)

Saylor:

While sites like Coursera and Udacity have been drawing the most attention on the free education front these days, Saylor has largely flown under the radar. Created in 2008, the site offers nearly 250 free courses online, with topics centered on the 10 highest enrollment majors in the U.S. In addition to taking classes, learners can participate in discussion forums (organized by topic), track courses and print transcripts, and may soon even be able to access free textbooks. <http://www.saylor.org/>

Learners TV:

Learners TV brings together videos, audio lectures, science animations, lecture notes, online tests, presentations, and publications to offers visitors a wide range of material with which to learn. Those looking for an in-depth experience can find entire courses, while those just doing cursory research can browse through short articles and Power Points. <http://www.learnerstv.com/>

Grovo:

Knowing how to use technology is an essential skill in today's job market, but with so many new technologies popping up all the time, it can be hard to keep up with them all. That's where Grovo can help. The online learning site specializes in offering video lessons on top Internet products. Visitors to the site can expand their knowledge of sites like Twitter, Gmail, Facebook, and Word Press, or just learn a bit more about netiquette and online marketing. <http://www.grovo.com/>

Alison:

Alison offers free online courses and certification through 400 different courses in 10 different course categories. Launched in 2007, the site helps people from around the world earn certification in topics like legal studies, psychology, health studies, project management, and human resources. All content is free but to get a copy of your certification, you'll have to shell out about \$20. <https://alison.com>

Udacity:

Our mission is to bring accessible, affordable, engaging, and highly effective higher education to the world. We believe that higher education is a basic human right, and we seek to empower our students to advance their education and careers. Sign up for a Udacity account and start taking classes for free. It's that simple. Track your progress and manage your courses in My Courses. As soon as you've finished the course, you will earn a certificate of completion along with new skills and bragging rights. <https://www.udacity.com>

Coursera:

Choose from 300+ courses in over 20 categories created by 62 Universities from 16 countries. Watch short video lectures, take interactive quizzes, complete peer graded assessments, and interact live with your new classmates and teachers. Finish your class, receive recognition for a job well done, and achieve your goals, whether they be career, personal, or educational. <https://www.coursera.org>

Khan Academy:

All of the site's resources are available to anyone. It doesn't matter if you are a student, teacher, home-schooled, principal, adult returning to the classroom after 20 years, or a friendly alien just trying to get a leg up in earthly biology. Khan Academy's materials and resources are available to you completely free of charge. <https://www.khanacademy.org>

Open Culture:

Get free online courses from the world's leading universities. This collection includes over 700 free courses in the liberal arts and sciences. Download these audio & video courses straight to your computer or mp3 player. www.openculture.com

MIT Open Courseware:

"The idea is simple: to publish all of our course materials online and make them widely available to everyone." MIT Open Courseware (OCW) is a web-based publication of virtually all MIT course content. OCW is open and available to the world and is a permanent MIT activity. Through OCW, educators improve courses and curricula, making their schools more effective; students find additional resources to help them succeed; and independent learners enrich their lives and use the content to tackle some of our world's most difficult challenges, including sustainable development, climate change, and cancer eradication. ocw.mit.edu

University of the People:

The brainchild of educational entrepreneur Shai Reshelf, University of the People is a tuition-free, nonprofit, online academic institution that offers access to undergraduate degree programs in business administration and computer science. It maintains relationships with Yale, NYU, Hewlett-Packard, and the Catalyst Initiative to supply students with opportunities for research, future study, and internships. While the site focuses on helping learners in developing nations, students from nearly 130 different nations have been accepted (tuition is free, but you still have to apply). uopeople.edu

The Faculty Project:

Through The Faculty Project, learners can get access to professors from prestigious schools like Dartmouth, Vassar, Duke, and Northwestern, to name just a few. There are dozens of courses and lectures to choose from, covering a broad spectrum of topics. Launched just this year, the site is slowly building up a great collection of resources that can help students learn through video, PDF, PowerPoint, discussion boards, and educational articles.

www.makeuseof.com/tag/the-faculty-project-free-online-courses

Learn that:

Learn that is an excellent place to explore tutorials that cover business, technology, and finance. Visitors to the site can learn how to improve their skills in Excel, digital marketing, or even management, through hundreds of helpful articles, videos, and photos. learnthat.com

University of Reddit:

Most web-savvy individuals have heard of Reddit, but many may not be familiar with the University of Reddit. The site offers anyone the chance to share their expertise through class lectures and videos with others in the web. Currently, the site is home to educational materials in art, computer science, general studies, language, math, music, philosophy, science, and social studies, which means most things are covered. If they're not, learners are always welcome to add their own educational content. www.universityofreddit.com

Free Learning Materials:

Ever growing collection of free to download learning materials on this site. Categories of literacy and numeracy. <https://www.wikiversity.org>

Additional Ones Mentioned by Staff at Spring Conference:

Livecareer.com

Mycreditreport.com

Myfreetaxes.com

Thebeehive.org

Themint.org

Onetonline.org - career exploration and job analysis

Bulletproof Manager-www.crestcomtraining.com

<https://www.careeronestop.org>

Family Economics and Financial Education-<https://takechargetoday.arizona.edu>

Free Typing-www.learntyping.org

Metrix learning-metrixlearning.com

Right Path Resources-rightpath.com

Ted Talks-www.ted.com/talk

Summer Crisis Program

2015 Summer Crisis Program (SCP) Runs July 1st through August 31st

The HEAP Summer Crisis Program (SCP) provides electric utility assistance and/or free air conditioners and/or fans to income-eligible households* throughout Columbus and Franklin County.

The SCP program provides a one-time payment for electric utility service and also assists with PIPP PLUS. Summer Crisis Program appointments may be scheduled by calling **866-747-1038.**

For additional information about other HEAP services, including PIPP Plus, please call **614-252-2799.**

Super Saturday Schedule

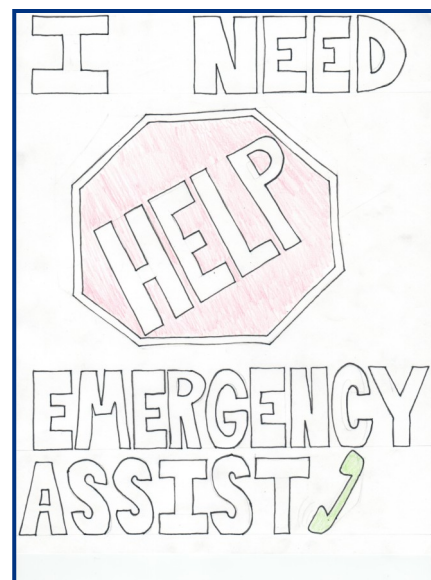
During times of high demand, IMPACT Community Action offers weekend hours to assist working adults. "Super Saturday" is a customer-focused event to provide additional access to the Summer Crisis Program (SCP) and other home energy assistance programs.

Call **866-747-1038 to schedule an appointment for all IMPACT programs and services.**

All Super Saturday events will be held at IMPACT's office at 700 Bryden Road. Customers are seen on a first-come, first-served basis.

***HEAP/SCP helps low-income families at or below 175% of the 2015 Federal Poverty Guidelines:**

**I NEED
EMERGENCY
ASSISTANCE**



To apply for service, customers must bring the following information:

Valid, government-issued photo identification (i.e., a driver's license)

Social Security cards (or print out) for everyone in the household

Proof of income for the past 90 days for everyone in the household age 18 and older

Current electric bills

A copy of the lease, if the service is currently disconnected

Physician's statement for households without a resident that is 60 years old or older.

I Need Help With Family

National Resource Center on Children and Families of the Incarcerated

The National Resource Center on Children and Families of the Incarcerated (NRCCFI) began as the Federal Resource Center on Children of Prisoners in the 1990s and merged with the Family and Corrections Network (FCN) in 2006, creating the oldest and largest organization in the United States focused on children and families of the incarcerated and programs that serve them. In 2013, NRCCFI became part of the Rutgers University - Camden campus.

According to NRCCFI, on any given day there are an estimated 2.7 million children in America with at least one parent in prison or jail. The mission of NRCCFI is to raise awareness about the needs and concerns of the children of the incarcerated and their families by:

1. Disseminating accurate and relevant information and research
2. Guiding the development of family strengthening policy and practice
3. Training, preparing, and inspiring those working in the field and including the families in defining the issues and designing solutions

Children of Incarcerated Parents

Tools, Guides, & Resources

... provides a continually-updated list of tools, guides, and resources to assist teachers, school staff, youth, parents, and youth-serving organizations in caring for and supporting children who have an incarcerated parent.

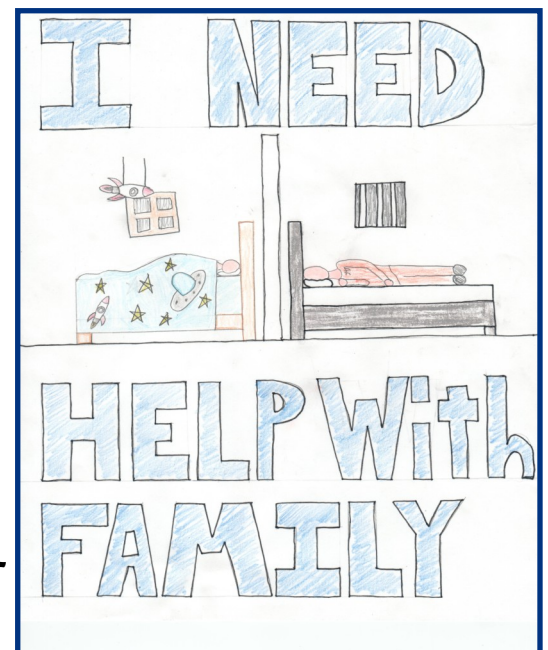
Tip Sheet for Teachers (Pre-K through 12): Supporting Children Who Have an Incarcerated Parent

... School staff make a difference in the lives of all children, including children of incarcerated parents. For the child with a ... children with a parent in prison, especially mental health resources. Teachers can assist children who have an incarcerated ...

youth.gov/sites/default/files/COIP_TipSheet-Teachers_508.pdf

Incarcerated Parents With Child Support Questions

... Support Enforcement (OCSE) within the Administration for Children & Families (ACF) provides information and resources on child support to help address questions that incarcerated parents ... youth.gov/.../incarcerated-parents-child-support



Child Welfare Services to Children and Families of Prisoners

... when parents are incarcerated can have a serious impact on children and youth, with consequences sometimes including temporary or ... care system beyond the time allowed by law. 2 Resources Child Welfare Services to Children & Families of Prisoners ...<https://www.childwelfare.gov/.../supporting/support-services/prisoners>

New York Initiative for Children of Incarcerated Parents

The New York Initiative for Children of Incarcerated Parents The Osborne Association A Call to ... for Women Prisoners Subtitle : Resources Featured: No Section: Collaboration ...www.osborneny.org/programs.cfm?programID=23

Services and Supports for Children and Families

... potential negative outcomes as a result of the experience of children of incarcerated parents, 1 it is important that communities ... children in a structured and supported environment. Resources The Antisocial Behavior of the Adolescent Children of ...www.families.nsw.gov.au/support/support-index.html

September 23 Webinar: Strengthening Incarcerated Individuals and Their Families

... and Their Families , will explore the importance of providing healthy relationship services to incarcerated inmates and their ... services to incarcerated inmates (New Jersey). Highlight resources available through the Resource Center and others to support working ... Feature Articles Topic : Children of Incarcerated Parents ...youth.gov/.../webinar-strengthening-incarcerated-individuals-families

Children of Incarcerated Parents

... family life can be compounded by the social stigma that children may face as a result of having a parent in prison or jail. ... drug and alcohol abuse. For more information and resources on these overlapping problems, please see the additional Children of ...youth.gov/youth-topics/children-of-incarcerated-parents

The Adoption and Safe Families Act: Barriers to Reunification between Children and Incarcerated Parents

... for Permanency and Family Connections and featured on the Children's Bureau website, addresses how certain provisions of the Adoption and Safe Families Act (ASFA) create barriers to ... with children of incarcerated parents, and other related resources. <http://youth.gov/federal-links/adoption-and-safe-families-act-barriers-reunification-between-children-and>

Sesame Street Toolkits to Help Children Cope

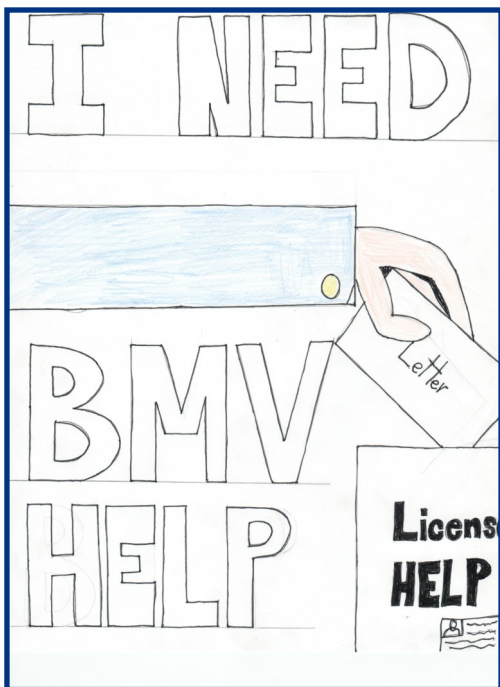
The incarceration of a loved one can be very overwhelming for both children and caregivers. It can bring about big changes and transitions. In simple everyday ways, you can comfort your child and guide her through these tough moments. With your love and support she can get through anything that comes her way. Here are some tools to help you with the changes your child is going through. <http://www.sesamestreet.org/parents/topicsandactivities/toolkits/incarceration>

From Arrest to Homecoming: Addressing the Needs of Children of Incarcerated Parents

Separation due to incarceration has immediate effects on children such as feelings of guilt and shame, fear of abandonment and loss of financial support. Long-term effects of separation can range from maturation regression to impaired ability to cope with future stress or trauma. Regular contact can help decrease the negative impacts of incarceration.

2014 Survey of Incarcerated Parents in Ohio Prisons

The 2014 Survey of Incarcerated Parents focuses in depth on dependent children of both male and female inmates, who are defined as any children for whom the inmate has legal, financial or parental obligations. Half of inmates report dependent children. This is twice the percentage who report dependent children in the 2013 Intake Study. The definition of dependent children is broader than in the Intake Study, and the Survey of Incarcerated Parents has a higher percentage of female and married inmates who participated, who would be more likely to report having dependent children.



I Need B.M.V. Help

Ohio BMV | Columbus Regional Service Center
1583 Alum Creek Dr.
Columbus, Ohio 43209
614-752-7600

Monday through Friday
8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Reinstatement Fee Payment Plan

License Status:

Your status will be Valid, Expired, or Eligible to Test as long as you continue to make your payments.

Plan Application:

To apply, complete BMV Form 1152, available online at ohiobmv.gov, at a deputy registrar office, at a regional reinstatement office, or request through the mail.

Eligibility - You must:

Provide proof of insurance;

Owe at least \$150 in Reinstatement Fees;

Have met all other reinstatement requirements except for paying reinstatement fees;

Are not currently on a court-ordered fee payment plan; and

Do not have a pending suspension.

Payment Options:

Online: www.oplates.com

Phone: 1-866-OPLATES (675-2837)

At a Regional Reinstatement Office

At a Deputy Registrar office (a \$10 service fee applies)

By Mail

For More Information: 614-752-7600

Monday - Friday: 7 a.m. - 5:45 p.m., Saturday: 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Reinstatement Fee Monthly Installment Plan

How long will the application process take?

By mail: Within 10 business days after received.

Regional reinstatement office: Immediately.

Deputy Registrar office: Within seven business days and a \$10 service fee will be charged.

Visit our website for BMV locations: www.ohiobmv.gov.

If I am no longer a resident of Ohio, will I be eligible to apply for payment plan?

Yes. Any person owing reinstatement fees in Ohio and meeting the requirements is eligible.

What is the monthly payment amount?

The minimum monthly payment required is \$50.

How can I make my payments?

Pay online at www.oplates.com by electronic check only. Allow seven business days for BMV processing.

By phone at 1-866-OPLATES (675-2837) by electronic check only. Allow seven business days for BMV processing.

In person at any Regional Reinstatement Office. Cash, check, or money order.

In person at any Deputy Registrar (\$10 service fee will be charged). Cash, check, or money order. For BMV locations visit website: www.ohiobmv.gov.

By mail, with check or money order, to: OHIO BMV, RE FEESPO BOX 16520 Columbus, Ohio 43216-6520

Will holders of Commercial Driver Licenses be eligible for the BMV Fee Installment Plan?

CDL drivers will be eligible for the free installment plan and maintain their CDL license.

What if I am not eligible for the Free Installment Plan and submit payment of \$50?

The payment will be applied to the balance of the reinstatement fees owed (no refund will be issued).

How will I be notified once items are sent to the BMV?

A BMV 2006 information letter will be sent indicating your installment plan has been approved and your license status is Valid, Expired, or Cleared to Retest. OR

A denial notice will be sent indicating a Not Eligible status and reason(s).

What if I am currently on a court-ordered payment plan?

A Termination Order must be obtained from the court before applying for the BMV Fee Installment Plan.

What is a Court-Ordered Payment Plan?

The court may grant a fee payment plan with limited driving privileges while making payments to the BMV on your reinstatement fees.

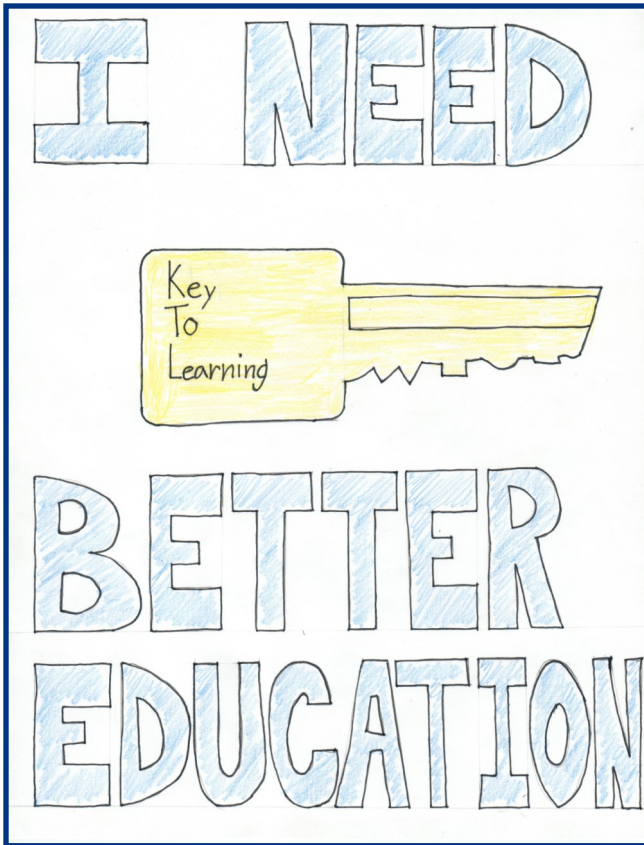
What will happen if I miss a payment?

If you miss a payment, the installment plan will become inactive.

The license status will revert back to "Failure to Reinststate."

The reinstatement fee installment plan may be reactivated after a \$50 payment is applied to the BMV record.

I NEED BETTER EDUCATION



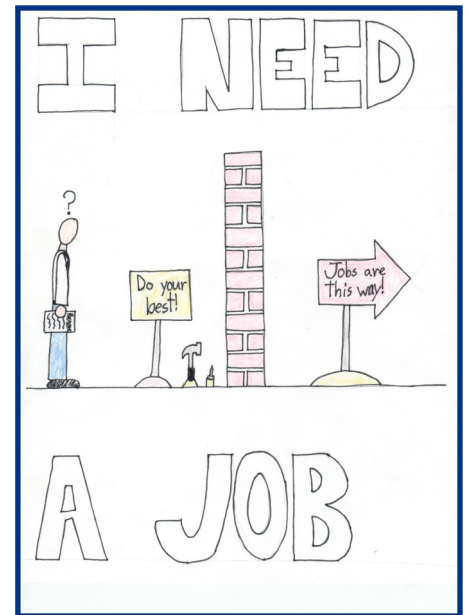
Columbus State is committed to being a state-wide leader in college access as well as success, and we work to ensure that every community member has a safe environment in which to learn and grow. As a part of the application process, the College asks a series of questions about applicants' criminal histories. In particular, the College is concerned with any prior criminal activity involving a felony conviction. Having a criminal history is not a bar to admission, but there is a process applicants must follow to report their criminal history. When deemed necessary, the applicant must sit down with Columbus State staff to discuss the circumstances behind the offense(s) before enrollment can proceed. Applicants may be deferred or denied if their presence on campus poses a substantial risk of harm, or the applicant is under conditions of post-release supervision (i.e. probation or parole) that pre-

vent enrollment.

This process is also administered for currently and previously enrolled students who are convicted of felony-level offenses. In addition to reviewing information, the committee has partnered with academic departments to understand enrollment processes and potential barriers for students, based on various types of convictions. This information is shared with students during the review process to help support the individual in making the best decision in selecting an appropriate program for student success and career potential. The Enrollment Review Team has partnered with the annual Restored Citizen's Summit, Empowerment Day, Restoration Academy Selection Committee, Citizen's Circles, and participates in prison visits and information sessions geared toward restored citizens.

<http://www.csc.edu/campus-life/student-conduct/criminal-history.shtml>

I Need A Job



Sealing your conviction record may be possible if you meet certain criteria. When your record is sealed, it means it cannot be accessed by normal means. Those considering you for employment or who you are petitioning for a loan cannot look into these records during a background check. Furthermore, you can generally legally deny that the events on your record never existed. The record itself exists and it may be possible for some entities to find this out, but only a court order to unseal the records for the public interest can make those records accessible to anyone ever again.

The Legal Aid Society of Columbus has created an online interactive tool called Access 2 Justice (A2J) which will walk you through a series of questions to help you determine if you are eligible to have your record sealed, and if you are, it will point you to the correct forms and explain how to file them.

Click the sealed record graphic below to start Access 2 Justice.

It is possible for certain data brokers who engage in criminal background checks to gain access to sealed cases from their databases. It is not common practice, but it does occur.

Understanding and Clearing Up Ohio Criminal Records, and Overcoming the Barriers They Create

Version: 3/10/2014

COLLATERAL CONSEQUENCES RESOURCE CENTER

The Collateral Consequences Resource Center provides the latest reviews and information on collateral consequences throughout the country, including an interactive 50-state map, articles, blog posts, and information on how to obtain relief from these detrimental consequences. As collateral consequences often affect employment, housing, benefits, voting, licensing, and other major areas of civil importance, this resource can provide some guidance when a criminal record adversely affects these areas.

<http://ccresourcecenter.org/>

What is WOTC?

The Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) is a federal tax credit available to employers. It is designed to encourage employers to hire individuals from certain target groups. The employer must file an application within 28 days of when the employee starts to work. For General Information about WOTC go to <http://jfs.ohio.gov/wotc/WOTCGeneralInfo.stm>. For more information, on how to apply visit www.doleta.gov/business/incentives/opptax/

Federal Bonding- What is a Fidelity Bond?

It is a business insurance policy that protects the employer in case of any loss of money or property due to employee dishonesty. It is like a guarantee to the employer that the person they hire will be an honest worker. For more information go to: http://www.drc.ohio.gov/web/OJL_bonding.htm.

Apply for a Certificate of Qualification for Employment

**Official List of Approved Certificates of Qualification for Employment
Step-by-step CQE Workbook**

Child Support Issues

To obtain information regarding child support issues go to the Franklin County Child Support Enforcement website. <http://support.franklincountyohio.gov/>

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) enforces federal laws against employment discrimination - www.EEOC.gov

Federal Trade Commission (FTC)

Federal Trade Commission (FTC) enforces the Fair Credit Reporting Act, the law that protects the privacy and accuracy of information in credit reports - www.ftc.gov

About Franklin County



The Franklin County Reentry Coalition was established in 2009 to address the dramatic rise in the number of ex-offenders returning to the Franklin County community, and to overcome the fragmentation of services and lack of coordination between service providers and a lack of a leadership entity to coordinate the various services that assist ex-offenders.

Why Our Work is Important

Ex-offenders will return to our communities and neighborhoods whether we have a plan for them to successfully reintegrate or not.

Nationally, 1600 men and women are released from prison each day.

Ohio alone releases more than 28,000 offenders each year.

Franklin County has the third highest population of ex-offenders being released from incarceration in the state.

30,089 offenders were released from the Franklin County Jail into the communities and surrounding neighborhoods of Franklin County in 2013.

34,379 offenders were released from the Franklin County Jail into the communities and surrounding neighborhoods of Franklin County in 2009.

Offenders are at the highest risk of committing a new crime or violating probation or parole immediately (within the first 3 months) following release from incarceration.

The Bureau of Justice Statistics found that within the first six months of release, almost 30% were rearrested and the rate increases to 44% within the first year.

Creating successful reentry programming is enhancing public safety.

Public safety is enhanced when ex-offenders are held accountable for their behavior, receive structured supervision, monitoring and treatment within their community.

Reentry is a component of the Smart on Crime policies that increase public safety, reduce cost and improve lives.